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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.118G and in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30A, as amended, a public hearing will be held Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 10 AM at the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy ("Division"), 2 Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA relative to the adoption of new regulation:

114.4 CMR 12.00: Rates for Family Transitional Support Services

The proposed regulation establishes unit rates for family residential programs within the Department of Public Health and the Department of Transitional Assistance. Family Transitional Support Services (FTS) provide comprehensive alcohol and drug treatment in a residential setting to parents without separating them from their children. To develop the rates, the Division reviewed the DPH program model and providers' 2008 UFR data. Based on this review, the Division is proposing the following rates: \$184.12 per family per day for a 12 family program, \$179.89 per family per day for a 13 family program, \$172.59 per family per day for a 15 family program, and \$169.85 per family per day for a 16 family program. The regulation also establishes general rate provisions, reporting requirements and penalties.

The Division is proposing this regulation to maintain access to family transitional supports services and to ensure that the payment rates are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care. There is no anticipated fiscal impact. There is no expected fiscal impact upon cities and towns. The effective date of the regulation is November 1, 2009.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments on these amendments. All persons desiring to be heard on this matter are hereby notified to appear at the designated time and place. Persons intending to speak will be afforded an early opportunity to testify if the Division receives notice by 5:00 pm on Monday, October 19, 2009. All others will be heard subsequently. Written comments may be sent to the Division at Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116.

Copies of the regulation are available for inspection and/or purchase at the Division, Two Boylston Street, 5th floor, Boston, MA 02116 or you can access them free of charge in the Regulations section of the Division's web site located at www.mass.gov/dhcfp.